

SENATE BILL 2550

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, relative to school security.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 42, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-6-42\_\_\_. Prior to the beginning of each school year, an LEA and all local law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over any part of the school district's territory shall review all crime reports of incidents occurring in an area within a radius of one and one-half (1½) miles of each high school that were made in the twelve (12) months preceding the date of the review. If upon such review the LEA and any local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction for patrolling the area around a high school find that the students at the high school are at risk of exposure to criminal activity before or after school, the law enforcement agency shall increase patrols within such radius around the high school before commencement and after dismissal of school on each school day. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent an LEA and local law enforcement from establishing an area around a high school with a radius larger than one and one-half (1½) miles in which to review all crime reports. If a larger radius is established and the students at the high school are found to be at risk of exposure to criminal activity in that area, then local law enforcement shall increase patrols before and after school in such area.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.